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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

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INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 5269

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, AF

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CONDITION OF AFGHAN ROYAL FAMILY

1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY BEEN TOLD BY DR. WAHED KARIM AND ABDUL ALI SULEIMAN OF MFA THAT NO RPT NO MBER OF ROYAL FAMILY IN KABUL AND NO RPT NO HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS HAVE BEEN KILLED.

2. DR. KARIM EMPHATICALLY DENIED THAT ANY GENERAL HAD BEEN KILLED, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY GENERAL ABDUL WALI, GENERAL ABDUL GHANI WARDAK OR DEFMIN MOHAMMAD KHAN, WHO HAVE

BEEN RUMORED KILLED OR WOUNDED IN VARIOUS REPORTS.

3. IN SEPARATE TALKS WITH SULAIMAN (WHOSE WIFE MEMBER ROYAL FAMILY) EMBASSY WAS TOLD THAT "NOT ONE MEMBER OF FAMILY HAS EVEN A SCRATCH." ASKED ABOUT CONDITION OF MARSHAL SHAH WALI, CONFIDENTIAL

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SULAIMAN REPLIED HE IS IN SHOCK BUT TAKING IT WELL FOR AN OLD

MAN. SULAIMAN ALSO SAID PRINCESS BELQUIS (KING'S DAUGHTER AND ABDUL WALI'S WIFE), WHO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KILLED OR WOUNDED, WAS SAFE AND UNINJURED.

4. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DISBELIEVE THESE TWO SEPARATE REPORTS FROM TWO MEN WHO APPARENTLY HAVE SOME DIRECT PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION AND ARE FUNCTIONING AS MEMBERS OKB MFA. WE THEREFORE COUNSEL ADDRESSEES TO DISCOUNT REPORTS THAT HIGH-LEVEL BLOODSHED HAS OCCURRED IN PROCESS OF JULY 17 TAKEOVER HERE UNTIL PROVED OTHERWISE.  
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